

sense about what is to occur, which is to say that our chances of passage of this motion are very slim. We need 30 votes, and I know many of you feel that the issue is one that is behind us. I'd ask you to please reconsider and think again about this issue and the new information that has been coming out. As Senator Harris talked about, Dr. Breiner has been spending a lot of time, has found a lot of information that not even I was aware of. For instance, I don't know if you knew that in the last two weeks before Commonwealth was actually closed almost half a million dollars in deposits came into that institution when they knew it was going to have to close, when they knew it was insolvent. Those individuals had no information whatsoever, blindly trusting the state and its guarantee put that money in there. Time and again what we have seen is that the cause of the failure of that institution is not the real estate market, is not the money market, it is the illegal insider transactions that occurred, it is the mismanagement and outright thievery that occurred there. And David Domina and Neil West again, and again pointed that out, and more information has now been available to document their findings. The Commonwealth report in which we based that so-called settlement was based on information that we did not have then but do now have, and that information, I think, would change your mind. I'm asking you to consider that information now. Senator Johnson's point was... Senator Johnson's point is we made a settlement, let's let it lay there, let's move on, let's forget about it. Let me give you another example of where there was a settlement. Back in the 1850s they decided they were going to settle the slavery issue by going with the Kansas-Nebraska Act, and they were going to allow slavery to continue where it was in existing states, and then they'd let each new state make the decision, and that was going to take care of the problem. That is how our state came into existence eventually. But let me tell you something, when you have a wrong, and slavery was a wrong, you cannot settle it halfway, partway, or any way but full and complete settlement, and we have not done that with the Commonwealth situation. Those people have not received a fair settlement. And just as we finally had to fight a Civil War over the slavery issue, because we had to settle that issue once and for all, I am saying that the same sort of thing has to occur with Commonwealth. We cannot sit here and say \$8.5 million when those people are going to lose forty some million dollars is a fair and reasonable settlement. In fact a fair and reasonable